

News briefs

Extended duty child care

The waiver of the parent co-payment for extended duty family child care is extended through Dec. 29. This means the program is free for parents who require child care during extended duty hours.

Call Connie Wilson at 452-9022 for more information.

TRICARE number

The 52nd Medical Group established a single phone number to call for all local TRICARE questions.

People needing information about aerovac, civilian care, referrals, claims or primary care manager enrollment can call 06561-693100 and follow the menu options.

Commissary holiday hours

The Spangdahlem Air Base Commissary closes Monday to observe Labor Day. The Bitburg Annex Commissary opens 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Remembrance ceremony

The Air Force Sergeant's Association sponsors a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony. The group seeks the involvement of the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex communities and organizations.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nancy Barron-Palumbo at 452-6390.

SNCO induction ceremony

The 2002 Senior Noncommissioned Officer induction ceremony takes place Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the base fitness center. The guest speaker is the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker.

Call unit first sergeants, Master Sgt. Maurice Washington at 452-4998 or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Vanscoy at 452-6730 to reserve a seat.

Gas coupons

MAINZ-KASTEL, Germany — Some Esso fuel coupons used in Germany and Netherlands will expire Sept. 30, but can be returned to any AAFES-Europe facility that sells fuel coupons for a refund.

Unused coupons presented for a refund must be attached between the coupon book's front and back cover and can be presented for a refund up to a full year beyond the expiration date.

Customers are reminded to check the

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Eifel Times

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Can you see me?

Capt. Dan Gullekson, 52nd Medical Group optometrist, fits Atai Phoibe with a pair of glasses in support of MEDFLAG 2002. Phoibe walked three miles to reach the medical clinic in hopes of getting seen by a doctor. MEDFLAG is an annual military medical exercise held in Entebbe and Soroti, Uganda, from August 17 through Sunday. Spangdahlem Air Base sent 13 people and nine pallets of supplies for the exercise. For more on MEDFLAG, see Page 5.

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

52nd AMXS up, running at Spang

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Culminating the 52nd Fighter Wing's transition to a combat wing, the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was recognized as an official unit at the squadron's activation ceremony Aug. 23.

While presiding over the ceremony, Col. John Medlin, 52nd Maintenance Group commander, said creating the aircraft maintenance squadron can be called "back to the future."

The history of the 52nd AMXS dates back to 1962, when it was activated as the 52nd Organizational Maintenance Squadron in the 52nd Fighter Wing at Suffolk County Air Force Base, N.Y.

Throughout the next 40 years, the squadron went through a myriad of changes, including a reactivation in support of the 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base in 1972. The squadron was later redesignated the 52nd Aircraft

Generation Squadron, but was inactivated in 1992. On July 1, 2002, the 52nd AGS was reactivated and redesignated, once again, to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in a July Air Force Print News article said the idea of maintainers being commanded by maintainers is not new to the Air Force.

"From 1978 to 1991 we had deputy commanders for maintenance," he said. "It was the system that got us into (Operation) Desert Storm with 92 percent mission capable rates in the fighter world."

Besides enhancing maintenance career progression, this combat wing organization will strengthen the Air Force's ability to mobilize.

"The hard part (of mobility) is going to be the mission

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'Fighting Hawks' take on NATO Air Meet 2002

23rd FS trains with more than 80 allies in northern Europe

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

About 80 members of the 23rd Fighter Squadron and the 52nd Fighter Wing

deployed to Oerland air station for a combined training exercise taking place over Norwegian skies Sunday through Sept. 12.

More than 80 allied aircraft will participate in NATO Air Meet 2002. The 23rd Fighter Squadron's main objective at the event is to practice its warfighting skills in a combined operational setting, according to Lt. Col. Steven Kempf, 23rd FS

commander. The 'Fighting Hawks' will also hone their Suppression of Enemy Air Defense skills.

"This is our squadron's primary mission," explained Kempf. "NATO heavily tasks U.S. SEAD assets to accomplish its overall mission."

Event coordinators expect more than 1,400 military members to support

operations from the Norwegian air base located near Oslo, making it one of the largest exercises of its kind in Europe, Kempf said.

The meet starts with an opening ceremony Saturday, offering military members the opportunity to get to know one another before exercise activities officially take off.

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Twenty-two Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, five of which were major.

The first major accident was on B-50 near Dudeldorf. An airman's vehicle slid off the road after going around a turn and hit roadside reflective markers. Security forces investigation found the airman was traveling too fast for conditions. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained a broken axle with minor dents and scratches and a broken passenger window. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The second was on K-39 near Naurath. An airman traveling toward Hetzerath lost control of his vehicle, flipped and came to a rest in a ditch. Polizei responded to the scene and determined he was driving too fast for conditions on wet roads. He suffered a minor cut to his face and a sore back. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The third was on L-46 near the Waste Water Treatment Plant. An airman driving a water transport truck toward Binsfeld was negotiating a bend in the road when his vehicle went off the road and tipped over. In the process, he hit a power pole and a section of the base's perimeter fence. The airman

believes the cause of the accident was due to the load of water shifting as he made the turn in the road. There were no injuries. The road in the immediate vicinity was temporarily closed due to the recovery operations. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

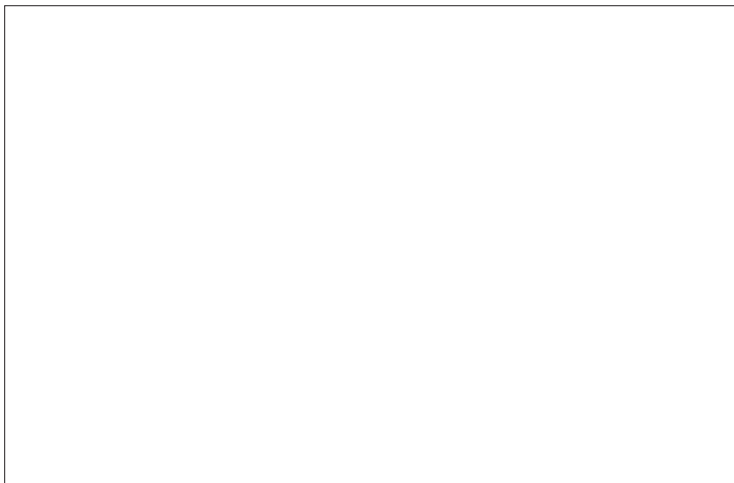
The fourth was on L-46 at the traffic circle between A-60 and Spangdahlem Air Base. An airman driving toward Spangdahlem misjudged the distance to the traffic circle, lost control and slid into the embankment within the traffic circle. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle sustained damage to the front undercarriage and the left front wheel suspension. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The fifth was on B-51 between Rittersdorf and Nottenheim. An airman driving early in the morning fell asleep behind the wheel and caused his vehicle to roll. The accident is under investigation. No injuries were reported. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The 17 minor accidents involved:

- 12 from inattentive driving.
- One animal strike.
- Two while backing.
- Two fleeing the scene.

In addition, 27 citations were issued.



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Col. John Medlin, 52nd Maintenance Group commander, hands the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flag to its new commander, Lt. Col. Alan J. Northrup, while Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Galloway, 52nd AMXS first sergeant, looks on during the unit activation ceremony Aug. 23.

Activation

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support function," Jumper said. "It's going to entail everything ... from crisis action planning, working with the joint system to get deployable loads into the airlift system, visibility of the (cargo) while it's in transit, and the bedding down at the far end."

With the activation of the 52nd AMXS, maintenance troops from the 22nd, 23rd and 81st

Fighter Squadrons were realigned to the new squadron, under the 22nd, 23rd and 81st aircraft maintenance flights.

Lt. Col. Alan J. Northrup, the new AMXS commander, said he's thrilled to represent more than 700 airmen in the new squadron.

"Now there's Stinger, Hawk and Panther maintainers, molded together into a cohesive team," he said.

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expiration date of their fuel coupons, which is printed on the face of each coupon and coupon book cover.

Expired fuel coupons will not be accepted at Esso stations in Germany and Netherlands or autobahn BP stations in Germany. However, expired fuel coupons can be used at AAFES-Europe fuel pumps in operation throughout Germany and Netherlands.

Gas coupons are accepted at all Esso stations in Germany and at BP stations on German autobahns. Designated Esso stations in Netherlands are listed on the AAFES Web page at www.aafes.com.

Military personnel flight hours

Wing military personnel flight agencies are open from 7:30 a.m. to noon daily for appointments only. Walk-in service is offered from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Call outbound assignments at 452-6817, promotions and testing at 452-6344, re-enlistments at 452-7876, awards and decorations at 452-6221 or enlisted and officer evaluations at 452-6221 for more information.

Excellence in competition

The 52nd Security Force Squadron hosts an elementary-level excellence-in-competition pistol match Sept. 20, beginning at 8 a.m.

Competition is open to all active duty, guard, reserve, NATO and retired military members. Space is limited to 100 people. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 percent who shoot above 270 points, out of a possible 300.

For more information or to sign up for the event, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Hart at 452-7095.

NCO course

Seats are available for the NCO Professional Development Course, Sept. 23-26. Nominees should be submitted to unit first sergeants.

The course takes place on the third floor of building 130. Uniform wear is BDUs.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

Furniture sale

The Eifel Furniture store on the Bitburg Annex holds a mega clearance sale Saturday with savings of 5 to 75 percent.

Air Force Ball

The Spangdahlem Air Base Air Force Ball takes place Sept. 6 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

This year's ball is themed 55 Years of Pride, Patriotism and Freedom.

Ticket prices are \$15 for E-1 through E-6 and GS-1 through GS-7; \$20 for E-7 and above and GS-8 and above. There's an extra \$3 charge for non-club members. For tickets, call group representatives:

Wing staff agencies: 2nd Lt. Patrick Armstrong, 452-5980.

52nd Operations Group: Capt. Jennifer Ranous, 452-4060, or 1st Lt. Nancy Velie, 452-5608.

52nd Mission Support Group: Capt. Eduardo Quero, 452-6162, Capt. Julie Wende, 452-5036, or 1st Lt. Sean Carter, 452-9494.

52nd Maintenance Group: 1st Lt. Matty Garr, 452-6322, or 2nd Lt. Jason McFeaters, 452-6641.

52nd Medical Group: Capt. Donna Hornberger, 452-8155.

Passport office

Now through Sept. 6, the passport office is open Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only.

Call 452-5519 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Limited hours at Plaques Plus

The Plaques Plus shop, located in building 189, provides limited service Sept. 3-25. The shop will be open regular hours during the limited service time period and staff will continue to take orders.

However, customers placing orders should expect a three week delay in having their orders processed.

For more information, contact Plaques Plus at 06565-7120 or the Skills Development Center administrative offices at 452-6841.

Safety shorts

■ Vehicle accidents in the Eifel are on the rise. The most common cause of the accidents has been traveling too fast for conditions. People are reminded to obey the speed limits and to be extra careful during inclement weather.

■ When in a vehicle accident, do not leave the scene. Notify the 52nd Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk at 452-6666 and German Polizei immediately after the accident. Leaving the scene could result in a citation.

■ Assist all injured motorists because failure to do so is breaking the German Good Samaritan Law and offenders could be fined or imprisoned.

And the winner is ...

Spangdahlem lodging crowned best in Air Force

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo D. Gonzalez
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The base lodging facility captured Air Force honors a second time in the past three years by besting nine other bases for the 2002 Innkeeper Award, small category.

Officials notified the 52nd Services Squadron of its selection Aug. 20. Spangdahlem Air Base's Eifel Arms Inn became eligible to compete at Air Force level after capturing the United States Air Forces in Europe, small-category Innkeeper Award, in April.

The award each year goes to facilities that demonstrate excellence in Air Force lodging. The small category is for lodging facilities with 285 or less bed spaces.

"It was a well deserved award for all members of the lodging staff who worked nonstop to not only pull off winning USAFE best lodging three years running, but best in the Air Force for 2000 and

2002," said Maj. Denise M. Hollywood, 52nd SVS commander.

A team of three judges from the Air Force Services Agency and the American Hotel and Lodging Association conducted the grueling three-day inspection, said John A. Brunfeldt, lodging general manager.

The team was made up of a field grade officer (team chief), an NCO and a civilian "traveler evaluator" from the AHLA. Together, they graded more than 350 aspects of Spangdahlem AB lodging operations.

The inspection initially focused on the direct impact the Eifel Arms Inn first makes on guests, said Brunfeldt. From the time guests check in, to the time they check out, everything they physically touch or see is part of the category.

The remainder of the inspection looked in detail at each of lodging's five sections — operations, logistics, guest reception,

training and management, said Brunfeldt.

The judges reviewed everything from how many towels were placed in a room to how effective management used its staff and other resources. The team inspected 12 visiting airman's quarters, four business suites and four temporary lodging facilities.

Preparing for the inspection was about a six-month process, said Brunfeldt. Winning the command award was the first challenge. From there it was a matter of using the Air Force Innkeeper checklist, called the Golden Eagle standards, to take another look at all the areas.

"USAFE came back again and helped us run through the checklists to make sure we could fine tune even more," said Brunfeldt. "It gave us another set of eyes on our facility."

Success of the Eifel Arms Inn is due to a combination of two factors, facilities and people, said Brunfeldt. The lodging

facilities are well maintained due to the support from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron. In addition, the Eifel Arms Inn staff makes customer service a top priority and ensures any problems are fixed right the first time.

The lodging staff proved their professionalism by knowing their respective areas inside and out, said Brunfeldt. They, not management, are the ones who briefed each of their areas to the evaluators.

"Without them we wouldn't have won," said Brunfeldt.

In November, a team from lodging will travel to Manhattan's Jarvis Center in New York City to receive the award at the annual AHLA conference.

"I just want to emphasize more than anything that to win an Innkeeper evaluation is a total team accomplishment," said Brunfeldt. "It's a team Spangdahlem effort and a command win."

Eifel Elite

Top Saber Performer

Name: Airman 1st Class Lorika Howe
Unit: 52nd Operations Group
Duty title: Information manager

Hometown: San Antonio
Time in service: Two years

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Airman 1st Class Howe does a tremendous job of supporting the "backbone" of our mission-she takes care of our computers, tracks our suspenses, manages our file plan, and provides top notch customer service - all with an impermeable smile!

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: I am currently taking classes at the City Colleges of Chicago working on my degree in the education field.

What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? Spend time with my family and travel.

What do you like most about being stationed here? The traveling that I get to do. I think being stationed here is a great opportunity to travel to places I will probably never get to again. I love to just get in the car and drive all day sightseeing. There is so much to see.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? More outdoor rec activities. I love outdoor activities, and I think it's a great way to spend time with family. I would also like if Spangdahlem had an outdoor/indoor pool.

Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Airman 1st Class Lorika Howe, 52nd Operations Group information manager, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Staff Sgt. Brigita Lords

The members of the 23rd Fighter Squadron operations management team are this week's Top Saber Team. They are: Airman 1st Class Shina Khalil, Staff Sgt. Karen Starnes, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Plott and Master Sgt. Hao Nguyen. There are two others on the team who aren't pictured.

Top Saber Team

Team name: 23rd Fighter Squadron operations management team

Team responsibilities: The 23rd FS operations management team, known as the 1C0s, has significantly contributed to the mission of the 52nd Fighter Wing by providing aircrew scheduling and aircrew training management. The team also manages an operations center in support of assigned and attached pilots and flight surgeons.

Number of members: Six enlisted

Team's contributions to the 52nd FW: Team members deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for 120 days and provided operational support to Operation Northern Watch. While deployed, the team was challenged with the combined operations with other U.S. Air Forces in Europe units and two additional deployments, Anatolian Eagle and a weapons training deployment. Memberd carried out their parts to make three simultaneous events a huge success. At home station, the 23rd 1C0s are vital players in the wing. In addition to supporting their unit's mission, they stand ready for last minute deployments, provide manning support and operational assistance to their sister units. The byproduct of their work is 40 combat mission ready pilots and flight surgeons.

Readiness flight explains importance behind mission oriented protective postures, alarm signals

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Cass
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight

Anyone who has ever been in a local exercise has heard the giant voice or someone saying "Alarm Red." What happens next?

MOPP levels

First, people should know about the Mission Oriented Protective Postures, commonly referred to as MOPP levels. The MOPP level is designed to ensure the protective posture correlates with the threat.

The wing commander determines the MOPP level after reviewing the threat, intelligence and talking with nuclear, biological and chemical warfare specialists. In most cases, if the threat is low and the enemy has NBC weapons, but isn't preparing them, the MOPP level is usually "0."

For MOPP "0," people must wear individual protective equipment and have the mask in the carrier. Additionally, the ground crew ensemble must be within five minutes of the person.

Usually, if the threat is medium and the enemy has used NBC weapons in the past or there is activity at known NBC storage areas, the MOPP level is "1" or "2." For MOPP level "1," people must wear the GCE pants and jacket and the IPE. They must also have the mask in the carrier and carry over boots and gloves. For MOPP "2," the over boots must be worn as well.

Typically, if the threat is high and an attack is imminent or in progress, the MOPP level increases to "4." Procedures for this level are the same, with the exception of the wear of the gloves and mask with hood.

In MOPP level "3," gloves are not worn. MOPP Alpha, which includes wearing the mask with hood, BDU sleeves down and gloves on, while carrying the other gear, is used when it is determined where the location of the contamination is and a split MOPP level can be assessed.

MOPP options

There are three MOPP options, which go along with the MOPP levels. Remember MOPP options are provided by the wing commander and should only be used when told to do so. First is the "mask only" option. This is used only when it is known that the chemical or biological agent has no percutaneous (through the skin) threat.

Next is the "no BDU" option. This option is based on weather and the mission. If it's really hot the commander can decide to use this option. As a reminder, however, each layer of clothing adds another level of protection.

Finally is the "ventilation" option. This is used so troops can cool down while in MOPP level "1" or "2." The jacket zipper can be lowered halfway down the GCE. This option is rescinded once MOPP "3" or "4" is called.

Alarm signals are used to keep troops informed. Intelligence and NBC specialists, along with commanders, determine the alarm level appropriate for the environment. Each alarm level is broken down into conventional and NBC attack. There are four alarm levels to keep in mind.

Alarm conditions

Alarm Yellow means an attack is probable against the base. In yellow, troops should be thinking about the closest shelter, bunker or foxhole. In some cases in yellow, troops are directed to the shelter. People should start the process of

hardening each area, checking the post attack recon kits, performing black-out procedures, setting out detection capability and reviewing the Ability to Survive to Operate Guide and Airman's Manual. If there is an NBC threat, the MOPP level could be set at "1" or "2."

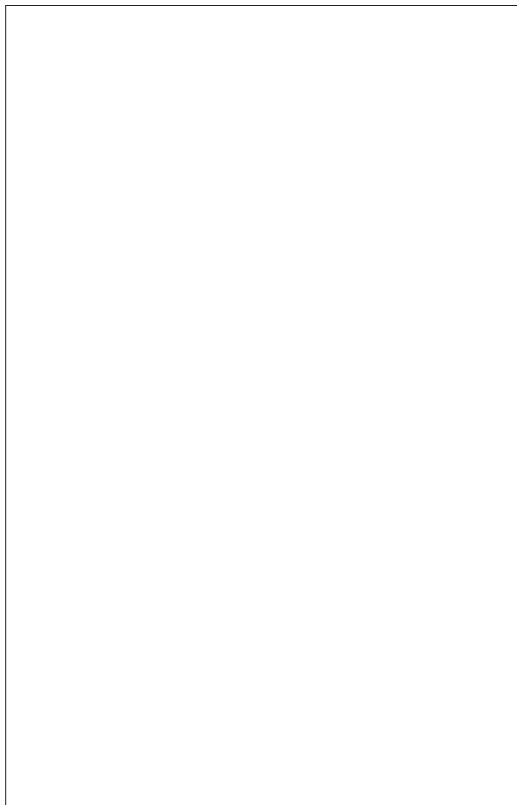
Alarm Red means an attack is imminent or in progress. This means to take cover immediately. If there is an NBC attack, troops should first take cover, then assume MOPP 4 if told so. If there is an opportunity, people should close windows in buildings, roll up and close doors to vehicles, close the canopy on aircraft and turn off ventilation systems. People are reminded to never take cover near high-value items like aircraft.

Alarm Black means the attack is over or NBC contamination is present or expected. At this point, people outdoors and not part of a PAR team or those considered non-critical should make their way to the nearest shelter. PAR teams should start recon in their area. People who don't need to be outside after an attack should stay in the shelter.

All clear is the final alarm signal and it's purpose is to let individuals know an attack is not probable and NBC contamination is not expected. Normal operations should resume or recovery initiated if applicable.

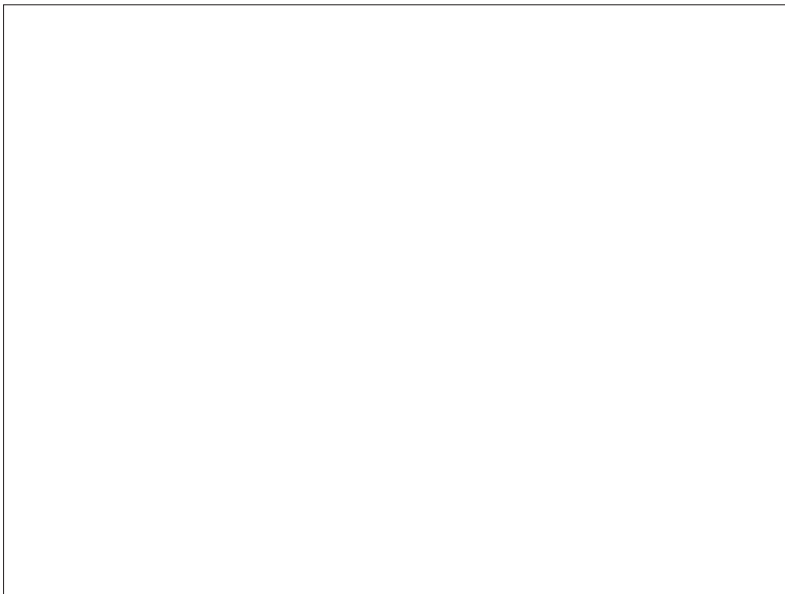
The ability of every airman to survive and operate is vital to the wing and Air Force mission. Everyone should memorize what to do when they hear a MOPP level and an alarm signal, but for reference people can check the ATSO Guide and Airman's Manual.

For more information, call the 52nd CES readiness flight at 452-6501.



File photo by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Airman 1st Class Omar Smivey, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, calls in a bomb crater during his Post Attack Recon during a June Phase One Euro-Lightning exercise.



"During the last two Phase 1 exercises, you heard Giant Voice announcing 'FPCON Delta, Alarm Red, MOPP 0.' A lot of people in the wing are trying to figure out exactly what that means. We are in a different situation than we were a year ago. We all understand that FPCON Delta means a terrorist attack is either imminent or just happened. In FPCON Delta/Alarm Red, post attack recon checks are used to look for anything suspicious. People who find something suspicious should call the security forces control center at 452-6666 to report it. We used to use 'Alarm Red' only in Phase 2 exercises in relation to an airfield attack. However, as we experienced after Sept. 11, we may be in FPCON Delta for hours or days. So, we needed to develop a way to alert wing personnel that a terrorist event is about to happen. This is that tool. There is no change in what FPCON Delta means; all of these mean only people engaged in tasks essential to the wing mission should be moving around. All other personnel should stay home or at their place of work. When you hear 'FPCON Delta, Alarm Red,' take cover. Emergency response personnel (security forces, fire, etc.) needed to contain the terrorist incident will still respond. You can expect 'Delta, Red' to be a short duration. We will then likely transition into 'Delta, Black' to allow the mission to continue. This chart has been distributed to all squadrons on base. All unit control centers and work centers should have this posted. You are encouraged to cut this out and carry it with you." -- Col. Ian O'Connell, 52nd Mission Support Group commander.

Medical exercise prepares participants for real-world events

Spangdahlem airmen helping out by providing much-needed care in Uganda

By Maj. Michele DeWerth
MEDFLAG Joint Task Force Public Affairs

ENTEBBE, Uganda — Working with seven partner nations and the host nation of Uganda, U.S. military forces kicked off MEDFLAG 2002 here Aug. 17.

MEDFLAG is an annual Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed military medical exercise. MEDFLAG 02 includes disaster and mass casualty response training, a simulated mass casualty exercise, medical civic assistance program activities and a Joint Task Force providing command and control, said Maj. Julie Harmon, lead exercise planner and project officer.

Participants include nearly 200 U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine troops, and military people from seven partner nations and

Uganda. The 52nd Medical Group sent 13 people and \$170,000 in medical supplies.

Those deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base kept busy by offering dental care and other medical assistance. They're also trying to make a difference by handing out supplies, including toothbrushes to the people of Uganda.

The partner nations are South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, Morocco, United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands, Harmon said.

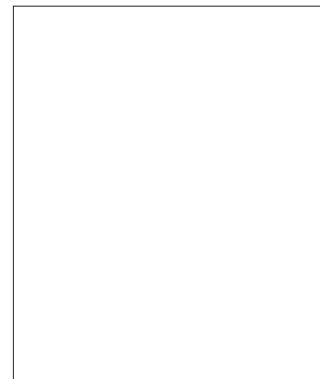
"The purpose of coming here is to share and exchange information," Harmon said. "For instance, while the U.S. team briefed the Ugandans on how we manage an accident, the Ugandan's leading expert on HIV/AIDS and Ebola provided training to our medics."

Officials from 3rd Air Force headquarters at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, form the core of the JTF headquarters. The JTF directs the medical and civilian engineering projects occurring in areas surrounding Soroti, approximately 250 miles north of Entebbe, said Harmon.

"This gives us the chance to practice and provide command and control of forces spread out in many locations," said Col. Tom Yanni, MEDFLAG commander of air forces. "We are currently commanding forces in Soroti and Entebbe while reaching back to Europe to coordinate with U.S. European Command."

What continues to impress everyone the most is the people.

"Everyone here has been wonderful," Yanni said. "The reception we received and the professionalism of the UPDF are absolutely outstanding." (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Airman 1st Class Taymi Leon, 52nd Medical Group hands-out tooth brushes to Ugandan children in support of MEDFLAG 2002.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Service available at Eifel Schools

By Maj. Ray Sirak
52nd Medical Operations Squadron

What is the EDIS clinic? EDIS stands for the Educational and Developmental Intervention Service and its mission is to provide special assistance to children in the Eifel community.

The reason the clinic exists within the Eifel community is to support the Individuals with Disability Education Act in the military environment. In supporting the IDEA, the clinic has a varied group of medical professionals, including: a pediatric physician, psychiatrist, audiologist, social worker, psychologist, early childhood special educator, speech therapist, occupational therapist and physical therapist. Each professional provides services within the educational environment, focusing on the academic success or maximizing developmental progression.

There are two programs to accomplish the above. The Early Intervention program provides services to the 0-36 month age

range and the Medically Related Services program is for pre-school through high-school age children. The MRS program provides interventions in the most natural environment, which is typically in the school.

The clinic works with the Eifel community schools in identifying students who would benefit from special education services. Teachers may identify a child who is experiencing difficulty with academic work. The teacher then contacts the appropriate school officials who determine if a student requires a further evaluation through EDIS.

EDIS also coordinates with the schools to provide child find screenings during the school year, typically in the first few months of school and in the spring time. The school schedules the child find screenings and the EDIS clinic provides medical professionals to work with school staff to conduct screenings. During the screenings EDIS staff and school staff work

together to determine if further interventions are necessary to qualify students for further educational support. Students identified for further support receive an Individualized Education Plan.

The staff provides the majority of the services within the school environment during the school day. The EDIS staff may be seen in the school environment working one to one with a student to help control behavior, assisting the classroom teacher, increasing a child's ability to fully participate in the physical education program and teaching letter formation to an entire classroom. Interventions within the school can be very diverse based upon a child's need.

The EDIS clinic is part of the 52nd Medical Group and provides a multitude of services to eligible students within the Eifel community. For more information, call 452-8238.

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:15 a.m. Sunday
- Jewish service each second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m.
- Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

- Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

- Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-midnight

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

- Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight
- Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

BITBURG ANNEX

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Commissary

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Car care center

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

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- To public affairs in building 23.
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I am fourth

The Air Force -- a family of families

By Maj. Michael Platt
52nd Fighter Wing Command Post

As the summer comes to a close and parents are out there dealing with the sorrow (and joy) of not having the kids around the house 24 hours a day, seven days a week, I thought it might be appropriate to address the important place family deserves in our lives.

Since the Industrial Revolution, our culture has come to define the family as nuclear in nature; that is; two parents, two-point-five kids, and maybe a dog or cat tacked on to complete the picture. I bet that not many of us at Spangdahlem Air Base fit neatly into this model. Nor should we try to.

The Air Force is a family of families and these come in all shapes and sizes. We have single people, married couples, couples with children, single parent households, and extended families (with parents, siblings, or other family members in the house). Regardless of what our family looks like, we need to spend the necessary amount of time and effort to make it work.

In the 1970s, Gayle Sayers, an All-Pro running back for the Chicago Bears, wrote a book called "I Am Third." The title was based on his philosophy of life, which was: God is first, my family is second, and I am third.

Had he been a tech sergeant or a major, his book would have been more aptly titled, "I Am Fourth." To be truly happy in the Air Force and in life, our philosophy should be: God is first, my family is

second, the Air Force is third, and I am fourth.

I believe the first relationship in that list is key to the success of the others. If I don't have a vital and growing personal relationship with God, then these other relationships suffer. However, this is an article about family relationships and I digress; so if you have any questions about God, I urge you to call or visit the chapel, talk to a friend who has a close relationship with the Lord, or give me a call.

As far as the last two categories in my modified list, past *Eifel Times* articles have gone into great detail on putting Air Force needs before our own as embodied in the Air Force core value, "Service Before Self." I encourage you to dig up some of the articles and Air Force writings on the subject.

One of the keys to being happy, in the Air Force or out, is making sure that family is a high priority in your life. Our families have all had to leave friends and loved ones to follow us. Most of our spouses have been uprooted more times that they'd like to remember. Many are forced to work in jobs out of their areas of expertise.

We, as Air Force members, need to put the needs of our families ahead of our own. That means working less (or sleeping less) to make sure we spend time with our spouses and our kids. Quality time is important, but our families need both quality and quantity time.

Putting families first means teaching and playing with our kids and talking (and playing) with our spouses. It means knowing what we

believe - about the world, about God, about life - and intentionally raising our kids to know what they believe.

This will mean putting the needs of your family ahead of the needs of the Air Force. Now, don't go running to your commander with this article in your hand trying to get out of your next TDY or exercise. What I mean is that my family needs to know that they are more important than my career.

Career progression is a good goal; however, if my career success destroys my family, then it won't be worth the rank it gets me. We know Air Force life requires some sacrifices. We, as service members, need to bear the brunt of these sacrifices. Only by putting our families high on our priorities list are we ever going to be truly successful.

Part of making family a priority will be ensuring they get plugged into places that can help support them as we carry out the mission.

Spang offers a lot of places for family members to get involved: the chapel, one of the many English-speaking churches in the area, the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club or Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club, family support center or the youth center - just to name a few. We have no excuse for not doing our best to make sure our families get all the support they need - from the Air Force, and more importantly, from us.

God is first. My family is second. The Air Force is third. I am fourth.

Direct Line

No job listings

Question: I spent many years at Spangdahlem Air Base in the mid '90s. Now that I'm retired, my wife and I often consider returning to beautiful Germany. However, unlike many military installations in Europe, your Web site lists absolutely no job openings of any kind. Likewise, for some reason I never seem to see any openings for Spangdahlem AB listed on the U.S. Air Forces in Europe job sites connected to the Ramstein Air Base Web pages. This leaves people like myself in the dark to potential opportunities in the Eifel.

At best, it would be nice to have one location on your Web site to find all job openings for contractors, NAF, AAFES, DECA, etc. Next best would be job openings for contracted positions on Spangdahlem AB since they are usually diverse and impossible to narrow down any other way. At a minimum, a page with links to all companies that fulfill contracts on Spangdahlem AB so that we could check their company sites for job listings would be beneficial. An example can be found here on the public section of Hill AFB's Web site at www.hill.af.mil/site/contractors.htm.

I know your public affairs office will probably not enjoy added Web pages to maintain, but unless I've missed it, the information I request just doesn't seem to be available any other place; please consider the idea.

Answer: Thank you for your insightful recommendations. The 52nd Communications Squadron has recently established an easily accessible link for employment opportunities within the various agencies supporting the 52nd Fighter Wing on our public site at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/>. Please click on "Civilian Job Opportunities" to begin your search for current vacancies at Spangdahlem Air Base and all USAFE installations. Our Web page now also has links to search for job opportunities in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Office of Personnel Management and Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

Unfortunately, there isn't an Internet list of contractors available at this

time. The 52nd CS is in the process of modifying its in-house policy so that future solicitations/contracts and other employment organizations will be posted on this site. Meanwhile, you may call the following offices for contracting employment opportunities:

■ 52nd Contracting Squadron Base Support Flight, which handles contracts for all organizations on base aside from civil engineers, at 452-9232 or 06565-61-9232.

■ 52nd Contracting Squadron Civil Engineering Flight, which is responsible for all CE contract requirements, at 452-9496 or 06565-61-9232. I hope this information is helpful and wish you the best in future employment opportunities.

Stereo noise

Question: I want to complain about the large amount of car stereo noise, particularly those with bass amplifiers. These vehicles are so loud that I can hear them when I'm in my house taking a shower.

You can hear some at least five buildings away.

To me, and others in my stairwell, this is unacceptable, bothersome and annoying. I agree people do have the right to listen to their music, but I don't have to hear it.

In the majority of states, this would be considered noise pollution or disturbing the peace and the violator would be ticketed and fined. I thought there was such a noise ordinance or law for that while living on base in Germany as well? If not, there should be one.

Answer: Spangdahlem Air Base Instruction 31-204 (Spangdahlem AB Traffic Code 6.20) prohibits playing car stereos at a level that is audible through closed windows at a distance of up to 50 feet. Violators are subject to citations ranging from a written warning to a three-point assessment against their operators license. Anyone wishing to report violations of the traffic code is encouraged to use the security forces traffic complaint program.

Community Mailbox

Spouses' meeting

■The 52nd Communications Squadron Spouses' Group meets Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel Annex. For more information, call Patty Hutson at 06553-900331.

Drama workshop

A church-based drama team presents a workshop on incorporating drama into church services at the Trinity Baptist Church in Metterich Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The workshop, which is for ages 8 through adult, is free and will be followed by a drama play at 4 p.m.

The church is located on Schulstrasse 19, between Spangdahlem and Bitburg, off of B-50. For more information or to register, call Mark Dickie at 06565-933118.

CCAF graduation

The deadline to have all required paperwork for the October Community College of the Air Force graduation is today. People who have completed necessary credits to graduate are not automatically considered for graduation.

People must call the education center at 452-6063 to ensure all transcripts, completed college courses and other requirements are taken care of to be considered for graduation.

OCSC coffee

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club hosts a special activities coffee Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spang Club. Membership information will be available at the meeting. For more information, call Auline Platt at 06575-903445.

Shopping trip

A shopping trip to Kaefer's in Sohren, Germany, takes place Sept. 6. The cost is \$8



Stefani Schulze

Now do this

Spider-Man, the official Marvel comic book action hero, teaches Eifel children some of his moves. The wall-crawler visited the Eifel on his tour around U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases, including Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Ramstein Air Base; and Royal Air Force Mildenhall and Lakenheath, England.

per person. People interested in buying crystal, linen, china, collectibles or kitchenware should call 06561-604576.

The trip departs the Bitburg Annex Commissary at 8:30 a.m. and should return by 2:30 p.m.

Natural family planning course

A four-part natural family planning course takes place Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. in building 139. The third and fourth classes are scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

The Sympto-Thermal Method is a modern form of fertility awareness for couples wishing to achieve or avoid pregnancy.

For more information, call Carole Hart at 06565-933079 or e-mail catholicfamily@t-online.de. People can also visit www.ccli.org for more information.

Eifel Wanderers

See Heidelberg's Castle illumination with the Eifel Wanderers Sept. 7. For cost, departure and other details, call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184.

bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics.

For more information about either class, call 452-7553 or stop by building 131.

Scholarships

■Target is awarding four \$10,000 and more than 2,100 \$1,000 scholarships for leadership and volunteerism to recent high school graduates and college students enrolled in college for the 2003-2004 fall term.

Final selections are based on service hours, volunteer leadership awards, recommendations and a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Applications are due by Nov. 1. For more information or to download an application, visit http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/scholarship.jhtml.

■University of Maryland offers a variety of \$500 scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate studies that can be used for Term 2 tuition and books.

Students who already receive financial aid are still eligible to apply. To apply, students should check with the education center to find out the requirements for each of the scholarships. Some requirements may vary but all scholarships require an essay.

The deadline for application is Sept. 6. Call the education center at 452-6063 or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Tuition assistance

People who need tuition assistance for fiscal 2002 must visit the education office by Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. No TAs will be issued from Sept. 16-30. This does not include spouse TA. For more information, call 452-6063.

La Leche League

The La Leche League meets Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Hospital conference room.

Meetings are open to mothers who are interested in or currently breastfeeding. Nurlings and children are welcome.

For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893.

Commissary case-lot sale

The second annual worldwide case-lot sale takes place Sept. 21 and 22 at the Bitburg Commissary.

People can find more information about the sale at www.commissaries.com in early September.

Talent show

The King Citadel Military Lodge 163 holds a talent show in October, similar to Apollo Nite.

People who sing, rap, read poetry or find themselves funny should call Tech. Sgt. Raul Wilshire at 452-6286, Master Sgt. Rickley Berry at 452-7999 or Senior Master Sgt. Ken Sturdivant at 452-7512.

Embry-Riddle classes

Embry-Riddle University offers AMT 281, Aircraft Propulsion Systems and Applications, beginning Sept. 7. This is a three-weekend class. The university also offers SF 435, Aircraft Crash Survival and Analysis, beginning Sept. 13. This two-weekend class can be used toward a

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Road to Perdition (R)

In Depression-era Chicago, hit man Michael O'Sullivan is known to friends and enemies alike as the "Angel of Death". Uncompromising in his work, O'Sullivan is just as devoted to his private life as an upstanding husband and father of two young boys. But when those worlds collide, taking the lives of his wife and younger son, O'Sullivan and his surviving son leave their sedate home life behind and embark on a startling journey of revenge. (Violence and language.)

Saturday

Road to Perdition

Sunday

Spider-Man (PG-13)

Based on the legendary flagship character of Marvel comics, this is the story of Peter Parker, a student living with his Aunt May and Uncle Ben after the death of his parents when he was very young. He's an avid student with a much-less-than-stellar social life and a knack for bad luck. When a freak accident miraculously grants him incredible spider-like abilities, in effect, it makes him into the amazing Spider-Man. (Stylized violence and action.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood (PG-13)

A Southern comedy drama about life, love and family which follows a group of lifelong friends as they stage a rather unorthodox intervention to help a young playwright unravel the truth about her eccentric mother, find forgiveness and come to terms with her difficult past. (Mature thematic elements, language and brief sensuality.)

Thursday

Road to Perdition

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Bourne Identity (PG-13)

This is the story of a man, salvaged, near death, from the ocean by the crew of an Italian fishing boat. When he recuperates, the man suffers from total amnesia. He is completely without identity or background, but possesses a range of extraordinary talents in fighting, linguistic skills and self-defense that speak of a dangerous past. (Violence and some language)

K19: The Widowmaker (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Inspired by a true story, the film follows Capt. Alexi Vostrikov who, at the height of the Cold War, is ordered to take over command of the nuclear missile submarine K-19, pride of the Soviet Navy. His assignment: prepare the K-19 for sea and take her out on patrol - no matter what the cost. But problems with the K-19 arise that may lead to a core meltdown and explosion that will certainly kill all aboard, and possibly trigger a nuclear war. Vostrikov must choose between his orders from the Kremlin and the lives of his men. (Disturbing images)

Saturday

K19: The Widowmaker

Windtalkers (R, 10 p.m.)

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States declared war on Japan. For the next several years, U.S. forces were fully engaged in battle throughout the Pacific, taking over islands one by one in a slow progression toward mainland Japan. During this brutal campaign, the Japanese were continually able to break coded military transmissions, dramatically slowing U.S. progress. In 1942, several hundred Navajo Americans were recruited as Marines and trained to use their language as code. Marine Joe Enders is assigned to protect Ben Yahzee - a Navajo code talker, the Marines' new secret weapon. Enders' orders are to protect his code talker, but if Yahzee should fall into enemy hands, he's to "protect the code at all costs." Against the backdrop of the Battle of Saipan, when capture is imminent, Enders is forced to make a decision: if he can't protect his fellow Marine, can he kill him to protect the code?

Sunday

Scooby Doo (PG)

Fred, Daphne, Velma and Shaggy have a bit of a falling out and go their separate ways, but they're drawn back together again by fate, in this case taking the form of the mysterious Spooky Island amusement park and the strange behavior exhibited by the young visitors to the attraction.

Monday

The Bourne Identity

Tuesday

K19: The Widowmaker

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

First school day filled with tradition

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

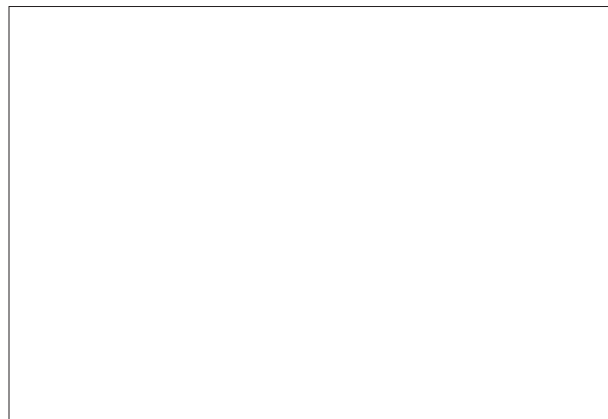
German children looked forward to their first day in school Aug. 19. Germany has a tradition for first-graders - they carry a Schultuete bag, often handmade, filled with candy given by parents and friends, to make the first day in school a sweet memory.

Throughout Germany the school day started off with a church service early in the morning. Parents accompany their children to church and then walk them to school afterward, often in a group with other first graders who carry a book bag or Schulranzen on their back and the Schultuete in their arms.

On the way to school, parents helped the children carrying the school stuff, at the same time teaching them how to cross a road and watch out for traffic.

Around noon, parents picked up the children and accompanied them home again where they could finally open the Schultuete and enjoy the surprises.

Many photos were taken of the



Courtesy photo

A group of school children on their first day of school in front of the Binsfeld Elementary school.

children on their first day in school which will later remind them of this important and special day in life.

Drivers are reminded to slow down in

German communities, as well as American communities, and watch out for the first-graders who are not used to facing traffic yet.

Bernkastel: Place to be this weekend

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Bernkastel, a famous holiday site, celebrates its traditional wine festival of the middle Mosel today through Monday.

More than 20 wine growing towns will participate in the fest, the largest of its kind along the Mosel.

Visitors to Bernkastel, the center of the Mosel wine industry, can experience the delicious Riesling wines at one of the town's old wine-cellar or enjoy the Mosel hospitality and entertainment offered in hotels, cozy wine taverns, first-class restaurants or traditional coffee houses.

The adventurous can follow a cobblestone path behind the statue in the square, through vineyards, traveling endlessly up. Take your time, snap lots of pictures and take a break to enjoy one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Mosel, with the largest continuously-linked vineyard slopes in Germany.

The Bernkastel festival starts today at 3:30 p.m. with the opening of the amusement ride park and the wine street (wine stands lined up.) The 2002 wine queen will be officially announced and welcomed at 6 p.m. in the market square, greeted by the city mayor, Wolfgang Port.

At 3:30 p.m. the amusement park, set up along the Mosel shore, opens to the public. A limited number of free rides will be available at this time. The British Dixielanders jazz band will perform in the market square. An entertainment program will start off about 6 p.m. in the market square, featuring

dancing performances by folk dancing groups, the Bernkastel-Kues city music association, local scouts and fanfares.

Activities will continue Saturday at noon with more dancing performances in the market square, show and dance band performances, fanfares and music. Several European bands and musicians will perform in well-known town spots Saturday and Sunday.

The amusement park will be open throughout the festival. One highlight of the middle Mosel wine festival will be a giant fireworks display from the Burg Landshtut Castle and the Mosel shore from 9-9:30 p.m. Saturday, known as the biggest pyrotechnic spectacle on the Mosel. Built during the 13th Century, the castle ruins lie atop a vine-clad hillside.

Another highlight of the Bernkastel fest is a colorful folk parade Sunday at 2 p.m., featuring 90 floats, fanfares and bands parading through the city. This a good opportunity for photographers. After the parade, music and dancing will continue through the evening.

The 45-minute drive from Spangdahlem to Bernkastel along the Mosel River is a delightful scenic route which takes travelers through valleys and around hills.

With its medieval architecture, Bernkastel-Kues is a favorite holiday site for Mosel travelers and wine connoisseurs. It will be crowded during the weekend so get there early to find convenient parking. The festival is not recommended for small children.

Out and About

(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■Enjoy the 54th German and 5th European Soap Box Derby championship races today through Sunday in Bitburg. A Spangdahlem Middle School student will participate in

the European Championships. For more information, go to www.skft.de.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in September.

People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activity Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

■Bad Duerkheim wine and sausage festival, Sept. 7. Cost is \$20 for ages 3-12, \$25 for adults.

■Berlin express, Sept. 7. Cost is \$69 for ages 3-12, \$79 for adults.

■Paris express, Sept. 14. Cost is \$75 for ages 3-17, \$89 for adults.

■Cologne City and chocolate museum, Sept. 14. Cost is \$30 for ages 3-12, \$35 for adults.

■Venice and Nove, Italy, Sept. 13-14. Cost is \$100 for a single seat, \$130 for a double seat.

■Oktoberfest, Sept. 22-23. Cost is \$229 for adults.